

Social Security Administration
Supplemental Security Income
Notice of Planned Action

Date:
Claim Number:

CLAIMANT NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY ST ZIP CODE

You Will Lose Your SSI on October 1, 2010

We plan to stop your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments beginning October 1, 2010. You were eligible for SSI based on the SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act. This law temporarily extended the 7-year eligibility limit for refugees, asylees, and certain victims of human trafficking.

We urge you to read this entire letter, including the information about Medicaid eligibility and the information about appeal rights.

Contact Us Immediately If You Think You May Be Eligible

You may still be eligible for SSI if:

- you have applied for U.S. citizenship with the Department of Homeland Security; and
- your application is pending or has been approved, but you have not yet been sworn in as a U.S. citizen.

If you have applied for citizenship, please visit your local Social Security office. Bring with you proof that your application for citizenship is pending.

If Your Application For U.S. Citizenship Is Pending

A recent class action settlement called the “Kaplan Class” may help you. Under this settlement, you can ask the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expedite a pending application for U.S. citizenship. You can also ask them to waive the fee. Please contact the DHS for additional information.

For questions, please visit www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis or call the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Center at 1-800-375-5283.

If You Become A U.S. Citizen

Please let us know if you become a citizen. We may be able to continue your payments as long as you meet all other SSI eligibility rules.

You Must Now Be In One Of The Categories Below To Be Eligible For SSI

Since we do not have proof that you are eligible based on a category listed below, we are stopping your SSI beginning October 1, 2010.

1. Citizens or nationals of the U.S.
2. Aliens who are lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and who have worked long enough to have at least a total of 40 qualifying quarters of work. An alien may get the 40 quarters of work himself or herself. Also, work done by a spouse or parent may count toward the 40 quarters of work for getting SSI only.

We can help you get the information you need to prove how many quarters of work you, your spouse, or your parents have.

We cannot count any quarter of work acquired after December 31, 1996 if the alien or the worker received certain types of federally funded assistance during that quarter.

To qualify based on 40 quarters of work:

- the alien had to enter the U.S. before August 22, 1996, or
 - if the alien entered the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996, the alien had to have been in one or more of the alien eligibility categories listed in this letter for 5 years or more.
3. Certain aliens who are blind or disabled and were lawfully residing in the U.S. on August 22, 1996.
 4. Certain aliens who were lawfully residing in the U.S. and who were receiving SSI benefits on August 22, 1996.
 5. American Indians born outside the U.S. who are admitted under section 289 of the INA or who are members of federally recognized Indian tribes under section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

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6. Certain aliens who are:

- active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces (except for training purposes only), or
- honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces but not discharged because of alien status, or
- spouses, including unremarried widows or widowers, or unmarried dependent children of people in the above two groups.

AND

Under categories 3 and 6, the alien must also be one of the following:

- lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the INA; or
- a refugee under section 207 of the INA; or
- an asylee under section 208 of the INA; or
- a person whose deportation is withheld under section 243(h) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or whose removal has been withheld under section 241(b)(3) of the INA; or
- a parolee under section 212(d)(5) of the INA for at least one year; or
- a person granted conditional entry under section 203(a)(7) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1980; or
- a Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980; or
- a certain alien, or an alien parent of a child, or an alien child of a parent who has:
 - been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the U.S. by a spouse, parent, or certain other family members the alien, parent and/or child lived with; and
 - been determined to need SSI because of this abuse; and
 - a determination from Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for a certain change in status.

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Proofs To Bring If You Contact Us

If you contact us, the types of documents you can show us include:

- U.S. naturalization papers or U.S. passport; or
- Proof of your alien status (for example, an unexpired Department of Homeland Security immigration document such as Form I-94, Arrival Departure Record, or Form I-551, Permanent Resident Card); or
- An order from an immigration judge withholding deportation or granting asylum; or
- U.S. military service identity card (U.S. Form DD-2 or HSPD-12, Armed Forces Identity Card); or
- Discharge Certificate from U.S. Military (Department of Defense Form 214); or
- Proof that you are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

You can also give us information about qualifying quarters of work. But remember that we can help you prove how many quarters of work you, your spouse, or your parents have.

Information About Medi-Cal

If you are getting medical assistance from the Medi-Cal, even though you will not be eligible for SSI, you may still be eligible for medical assistance if you need help with medical bills. That's because some aliens may still be eligible for medical assistance if they have little or no income or resources.

If the Medi-Cal decides that you are eligible to remain on Medi-Cal, your Medi-Cal benefits will continue.

If the Medi-Cal decides that you are not eligible to continue on Medi-Cal, it must send you a separate letter and information about how to appeal that decision. If you appeal, you will continue to receive Medi-Cal benefits until the appeal is decided. If you have not heard from them in 60 days, you may want to contact your local medical assistance office or your local county welfare program. If you call or visit that agency, please have this letter with you.

You Can Review The Information in Your Case

The decisions in this letter are based on the law and information in our records. You have a right to review and get copies of the information in our records that we used to make the decisions explained in this letter. You also have a right to review and copy the laws, regulations, and policy statements used in deciding your case. To do so, please contact us. Our telephone number and address are shown under the heading "If You Have Questions."

Things You Should Know

- Let us know if your alien status changes and you think you may be eligible for SSI.
- If we stop your SSI and you do not become eligible again before October 2011, you may have to file a new application to get SSI.

You Have Important Appeal Rights

If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to appeal. We will review your case and consider any new facts you have.

- You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- The 60 days start the day after you get this letter. We assume you got this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not get it within the 5-day period.
- You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- To appeal, you must fill out a form called "Request for Reconsideration." The form number is SSA-561. To get this form, contact one of our offices. We can help you fill out the form.

Appeal In 10 Days To Keep Getting The Same Check

You can ask for an appeal any time within 60 days. But if you want to keep getting the same check until we decide your case, you must ask for the appeal within the first 10 days.

- The 10 days start the day after you get this letter.
- If you lose your appeal, you might have to pay back some or all of this money.

However, even if you appeal in 10 days, we may not send you the check in October 2010 if both of the following are true:

- The decision we make on your appeal is the same as our earlier decision, and
- We send or give you a letter with our new decision in time to stop the check from being sent.

How To Appeal

There are three ways to appeal. You can pick the one you want. If you meet with us in person, it may help us decide your case.

- Case Review. You have a right to review the facts in your file. You can give us more facts to add to your file. Then we'll decide your case again. You won't meet with the person who decides your case.
- Informal Conference. You'll meet with the person who decides your case. You can tell that person why you think you're right. You can give us more facts to help prove you're right. You can bring other people to help explain your case.
- Formal Conference. This is a meeting like an informal conference. The difference is you can ask us to make people come to help prove you're right. We can make them bring important papers about your case, even if they don't want to help you. You can question these people at your meeting.

If You Want Help With Your Appeal

You can have a friend, lawyer or someone else help you. There are groups that can help you find a lawyer or give you free legal services if you qualify. There are also lawyers who do not charge unless you win your appeal. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you with your appeal.

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If you get someone to help you, you should let us know. If you hire someone, we must approve the fee before he or she can collect it.

If You Have Questions

For general information about SSI, please visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet. You will find the law and regulations about SSI eligibility and payments at www.socialsecurity.gov/SSIrules.

For general questions about SSI or specific questions about your case, please call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 or call your local Social Security office at 123-456-7890. Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you need assistance for any reason, you can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

SOCIAL SECURITY
22 SUSSEX ST
HACKENSACK NJ 07601

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.

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